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DISPLAY OF PRODUCT
REPLACEMENT INFORMATION

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In the Claims

Please add claims 31-68 as indicated below. For examiner convenience,

Appendix A includes all active claims 1-68.

- 15 31. (New) A method for locating a replacement part for an item having one or
more replaceable parts, comprising:
3 determining an identifier for a part requiring replacement;
4 providing the identifier to a network application program communicatively
5 coupled with a database searchable by at least the identifier, the database associating
6 the part with related parts of the item, if any, that should be replaced along with the part;
7 and
8 retrieving replacement information from the database for the part and related
9 parts of the item, if any, that should be replaced along with the first part.